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Attached is the revised outline we discussed this morning together with a notation of the persons responsible for preparing outlines and full material under the various points being covered. Where more than one name is mentioned, the first person named is the steering member of the group.

On Monday morning when we meet again at 10:15 it is hoped that we will have full outlines on all topics and a substantial beginning on drafting of the actual material.

Attachment:

Outline of U.S. Case on
Guatemalan Situation, and
Material Therefor.

cc: LRA - Mr. Burgin

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OUTLINE OF U.S. VIEW ON GUATEMALAN SITUATION, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

A. BASIC CHARACTER

The United States is proposing that a Meeting of Consultation be held under Article 6, Rio Treaty, to consider a situation endangering the peace of America and "to agree on the measures which should be taken for the common defense and for the maintenance of the peace and security of the continent".

The situation arises from the extensive penetration of the Government of Guatemala by the International Communist organization and the efforts of that Organization to increase its power in Guatemala and Central America through the shipment of substantial amounts of military equipment.

Special pains should be taken to avoid any suggestion that this is a dispute between the United States and Guatemala. It is on the contrary a charge against the chiefs of the International Communist organization and their agents in Guatemala and elsewhere, and is of common concern to all the American republics.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To give satisfactory evidence that

- a) Communist penetration in Guatemala is so extensive as to create the danger that Guatemala will become subordinated to the Communist conspiracy to achieve world domination through violence and subversion.

- b) That the arms delivery from Iron Curtain area was

- 1) Large,

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- 1) Largo, augmenting the already preponderant military power of Guatemala in Central America.
- 2) Covert in plan and execution.
- c) That a) and b) above together have created a threat to the sovereignty and political independence of other American States, endangering the peace of America.

II. To convince the American republics that the situation requires the assumption of responsibility by the OAS for decision and action that will cope effectively with the problem in accordance with inter-American treaties.

III. To present convincing argument that the above situation justifies and requires measures to prevent the further shipment of arms to Guatemala and the travel of communist agents to and from that country.

IV. To rebut Guatemalan arguments, such as that the real issue is the opposition of the United Fruit Company to Guatemalan social and economic reforms, and that any action regarding Communism in Guatemala would constitute intervention in violation of the OAS Charter.

C. THIRTEEN (13) RECOMMENDATIONS

I. World communist situation today as context for Guatemalan problems. (Order to arrange with R.)

II. Extent and history of Communist penetration in Guatemala.

- a) Penetration.
- b) Influence on Government.

III. Guatemalan

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III. Customs and interference in other countries (probably to be used mainly by other countries).

IV. Arms shipments.

- a) Quantity and value.
- b) Military effect.
- c) Circumstances.
- d) Political significance.

(Messrs. Leedy, Jamison and Taylor, plus Mr. Sayre for point IV, will prepare detailed outlines of points II, III and IV above, and proceed with preparation of appropriate material in accordance therewith.)

V. Existence of threat to peace affecting sovereignty and political independence of other countries.

- a) Analogy from other areas.

(Prefer to arrange with Sanders.)

VI. Recommendations for measures to prevent shipments of arms and travel of agents.

- a) Enforcement measures vs. recommendations.
- b) Relation to Article 23 of the Charter.
- c) Problem of intervention.
- d) Possible use of Charter instead of Rio Treaty.

(Mr. Jamison, Miss Whitman, Messrs. Taylor and Bowdler will draw up detailed outline of this point and prepare necessary papers.)

VII. Prevention of arms deliveries and travel.

- a) How carried out.
- b) Effectiveness.

(Prefer to arrange with Woodward.)

VIII. Political

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VIII. Political consequences expected in Guatemala as result OAS action. (Leddy)

IX. U.S. Policy re United Fruit company. (Leddy)

X. Nature of our case.

a) Not a dispute between United States and Guatemala.

b) Voting procedures affected by above.

(Jamison, Whitman, Taylor, Bowdler.)

XI. Possibilities of economic pressure on Guatemala through sanctions. (DRA)

XII. Procedure for calling meeting in OAS. (Droier)

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